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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire  
Chief Clerk & Administrator  
Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

RE: Joint Petition of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC to  
Establish a Consolidated Informational Docket for Review and Consideration of Grid  
Improvement Plans - **Docket No. 2019-381-E**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") submits this letter regarding the Joint Petition filed by Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("DEC") and Duke Energy Progress, LLC ("DEP") in this docket. ORS supports the effort to provide information as it becomes available; however, ORS reserves all rights to issue discovery and comment within the context of any docket where DEC or DEP requests recovery through rates of the expenses related to grid improvement investments.

ORS also believes it would be helpful for the parties to propose procedural schedules for this docket. Accordingly, ORS respectfully requests that the Commission establish a deadline falling after the close of the intervention period for the parties to propose procedural schedules. ORS submits that such a deadline will aid all stakeholders in effectively participating in this docket.

Sincerely,

Alexander W. Knowles

cc: All Parties of Record (via e-mail)  
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